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SUBJECT: EXPORT FINANCING OF GROUND SATELLITE STATIONS

FOR COMMERCE AND AID

REFERENCE: STATE 88013

1. IN OCTOBER, 1972 EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY AN AID OFFICER OF JAPANESE EMBASSY THAT GROUND SATELLITE STATION LOAN PROJECT PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PUT TO GOJ MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHERE REACTION WAS NEGATIVE AS PROJECT WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE. IT WAS GIVEN A LOW PRIORITY AND IT WAS IMPRESSION OF JANANESE OFFICER THAT THE PROJECT WOULD BE PUT TO ONE SIDE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

2. BY MARCH, FOR SOME UNEXPLAINED REASON, SITUATION WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT. A JAPANESE SURVEY TEAM REPORT WAS IN THE MILL AND THE SAME JAPANESE OFFICER WAS HOPING THAT A COMMITMENT WOULD BE FORTH-COMING WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION TECHNICALLY ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF PROJECT BUT QUESTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEN WAS WHETHER STATION WOULD BE USED ENOUGH IN LIGHT OF
AMOUNT U. S. SURPLUS LEFT TO VIETNAMESE.

3. LATEST REPORT FROM SAME JAPANESE OFFICER IS THAT SURVEY TEAM'S
REPORT, IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION, DUE THIS MONTH AND WILL BE SUBMI-
TTED TO GVN. THIS SAME OFFICER, WHOSE REPORTS TEND TO BE SHAKY
AT TIMES, SAYS THAT IF REACTION TO THE REPORT IS FAVORABLE, AN
ACTUAL DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL DETAILS COULD BEGIN. THE GVN IS
REQUESTING IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LOAN TERMS NOW BEING OFFERED BY
THE JAPANESE, (3 PERCENT INTEREST, 25 YEARS TO REPAY AND A 7
YEAR GRACE PERIOD) ASKING FOR 2.5 PERCENT AND 30 YEARS TO
REPAY INSTEAD. THE OFFICER WAS NOT SURE WHETHER JAPAN WOULD
CONSIDER SUCH TERMS FOR THIS LOAN, BUT HE IMPLIED THAT THESE
TERMS MIGHT BE GRANTED SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. THE JAPANESE
ARE ALSO CONSIDERING SOME POWER LOANS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE
AMOUNTS INVOLVED, THE OFFICER HAZARDED THAT THE EARTH SATELLITE
LOAN MIGHT BE COMPLETED FIRST.

4. THE GVN CONFIRMS THAT IT IS AWAITING PROPOSALS ON THE CON-
STRUCTION OF AN EARTH SATELLITE STATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAPAN, FROM IT& T AND FROM GT& E... DECONTROL FOLLOWING DEC. 31,
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